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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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BANKS.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one day.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send these to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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T. E. DAVIES, Esq. K. R.
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Hon. J. J. KESWICK, L. P. FORESTEE, Esq.
Hon. R. LATTON, N. A. SIERS, Esq.
E. A. SOLONON, Esq.

Chief Manager—G. E. NOBLE, Esq.
MANAGER—JOHN WALTERS, Esq.
SHAH KHAN, LONDON, and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" " 4 per cent. "
" " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 24, 1889. 363

Intimations.

THE CHINESE AMUSEMENTS SYNDICATE, LIMITED.

ON Account of the weather, the OPENING DAY has been unavoidably POSTPONED until further Notice.

J. A. BARRETTO,
Secretary.

Hongkong, October 26, 1889. 2050

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YE 1888.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December last. In Order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the Thirteenth day of November next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Hongkong, October 15, 1889. 1077

Intimations.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

A MATCH between A TO L and M TO Z will be played at 11 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 2nd November. Members willing to play will sign their names either on the List lying on the Table in the Club Anti-room or on the one in the Cricket Pavilion, or before 4 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 1st November.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, October 29, 1889. 2068

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWON KWAN YEEN CUPS.

THE 2ND STAGE of the THIRD COMPETITION will be shot off NEXT SATURDAY, the 2nd November, at 2.15 p.m., commencing at 900 Yards. Entries for this Stage close on Friday next, 1st November, at 5 p.m. ENTRANCE FEE 30 Cents.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, October 29, 1889. 2069

THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

UNPAID CALLS.

NOTICE is hereby given that unless the CALL of \$15 FIFTEEN DOLLARS per Share, due on the 16th August last, be Paid to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before 31st Instant; such UNPAID CALLS will be Debited with INTEREST at the Rate of 12 % per annum from the 16th August, in accordance with the powers contained in the Company's Articles of Association, and the Shares in respect of which the Calls are due, will be liable to FORFEITURE.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, October 16, 1889. 1983

THE SONGKEI KOYAH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, October 19, 1889. 2007

VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL, YOKOHAMA.

THIS SCHOOL, situated in a very healthy position on the BLUFF, provides good EDUCATION FOR BOYS from 17 to 17. Boards taken. Prospectus with Office of this Paper.

C. H. HINTON, M.A., Oxon, Head Master.

Hongkong, September 16, 1889. 1612

THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

STATUTORY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, No. 2, D'Aguilar Street, on SATURDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at Noon.

By Order of the Directors.

J. A. BABETTO,
Secretary.

Hongkong, October 24, 1889. 2044

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NEW SEASONS

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Under-signed have arrived.

Early Inspection is INVITED, as further

SUPPLIES will be delayed by the Strikes

in London.

Hongkong, October 15, 1889. 1976

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the

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To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAM-WAYS COMPANY, LTD.
TIME TABLE
(To take effect from 1st November.)

WEEK DAYS.
8 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.
12 m., 2 p.m., half hour.
(TIPPIF CAR at 12.45).
3 & 7.30 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

THURSDAYS.
NIGHT TRAMS at 10.30 and 11 p.m.

SATURDAYS.
NIGHT TRAMS at 8.45 p.m., 9 p.m.,
10.30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.
10.40 a.m.
12 (noon) to 2 p.m. every quarter of an hour.
3 to 7.30 p.m. every quarter of an hour.
Special CARS may be obtained on application to the SUPERINTENDENT.

Singapore Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-Cent Coupons and BRITISH TICKETS at the Office.

MAGEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2079

STEAM TO STRAITS & BOMBAY.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
Kashgar,
Capt. Brown, will leave for the above places at Noon on SATURDAY, the 2nd November.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2075

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The G. Steamship
Forams,
Capt. Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 2nd November, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2077

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
Haiphong,
Captain Hahnz, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 3rd November, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2078

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND
NAGASAKI.
The Co.'s Steamship
Patricius,
Capt. Peters, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 7th Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2072

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, TRIESTE AND VENICE,

(Taking cargo at Singapore rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Malpemone, Capt. E. Peters, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 10th November, at Noon.

Cargo will not be received on board after 5 p.m. prior to date of sailing.

Cargo destined for Ports beyond Bombay by this opportunity will be transhipped there in one of the Company's Steamers.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

DAVID SASSON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2071

AMPHITRITE, German ship, Captain B. Bouw,—Order.

E. GRAHAM, British barque, Captain C. Hodges—Admirson, Boll & Co.

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SATSUMA, British barque, Captain A. G. Swanson—Edmund Scholthaus & Co.

Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2070

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
Special Agent for
FAIRCHILD'S
PEPTONISING POWDERS.

One of them will impart to a pint of cows' milk in a few minutes, all the characteristic and desirable properties of mothers' milk. Cows' milk prepared according to directions with Peptonising Powder furnishes the only natural and perfect substitute for breast milk: it resembles it precisely in colour, taste, colour, slight alkalinity, and in the character and quantity of that vital constituent—casein.

Peptonised milk is retained by the weakest and most delicate patients. When the lining membrane of the stomach is in a condition of constant irritation and disease, the bland, soothing properties of peptonised milk cause it to be retained, and not only prove curative to the stomach, but nutritive to the patient.

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Cows' milk that has been peptonised with the Fairchild Peptonising Powders cannot be curdled as formerly, it is free from all irritating properties of any kind, and as bland, nutritious, and perfectly assimilable as mothers' milk. It agrees with the weakest infants and invalids.

In boxes containing 12 powders in glass tubes with directions.

COMPOUND ZINCINE TABLOIDS
(FAIRCHILD).

FOR INTESTINAL INDIGESTION.
PEPSIN TABLOIDS
(FAIRCHILD).

For deficiency of digestive power in the stomach secretions.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
October 30, 1889.—

Changyau, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Kashgar, British steamer, 1,655, W. L. Brown, Yokohama October 13, General.

Satsuma, American man-of-war, Commander John McGowan, U.S.N., Singapore October 10.

Kong Beng, British steamer, 836, R. Jones, Bangkok Oct. 23, General—YUEN FAT HONG.

Alicia, German steamer, 400, T. A. Bendixen, Pakhoi October 27, and Holloway 28, General—WEILER & Co.

Ariste, British steamer, 1,492, Winterton Hill, Melbourne October 5, Newcastle 9, Sydney 10, Cleveland Bay 15, Cairns 15, Cooktown 16, and Thursday Island 19, Coal and General—RUSSELL & Co.

Natalie, British steamer, 1,102, G. A. Nantwich, British steamer, from Whampoa.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2070

To-day's Advertisements.



NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SUB-MARINERMIN & FIELD for EXEMENTIAL PURPOSES will be laid on the South side of STONE CUTTERS' ISLAND from November till January.

The Field will extend between 600 and 700 yards in a North and South direction from the south shore of the Island, and in an East and West direction about 700 yards. The Southern Boundary will be marked by two Red and White buoys with a Beacon on each, painted Red and White, 3 feet above the Buoy.

All Ships Junks and other Vessels are cautioned to keep to Southward of these boundary Buoys.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY,
Rt. Com., R.N.,
Harbour Master, etc.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,
Hongkong, October 26, 1889. 2079

ZETLAND LODGE
No. 525.

A N Emergency MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREE-MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 1st November, at 5 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2075

NOTICE.

We Have This Day ESTABLISHED A
BRANCH of our Firm in SINGAPORE, as Shareholders and GENERAL BROKERS, and COMMISSION AGENTS.

APCAH BROTHERS.

Hongkong, October 28, 1889. 2074

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
VALUABLE BOOKS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

WEnesday,

the 6th November, 1889, commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp, at his Salos Room, Dudel Street,—

THE ENTIRE LIBRARY
of the

Late Honourable F. Stewart, LL.D., comprising—

VALUABLE BOOKS ON SCIENCE, ART, LAW,
THEOLOGY, TRAVEL, CLASSES, ESSAYS,
STANDARD NOVELS, POETRY, &c., &c., and
EVERY BRANCH OF READING.

Also,
VERY VALUABLE CHINESE DICTIONARIES,
BOOKS OF CHINESE CLASSICS, REPOSITORY,
&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale, and the Books will be on view on Monday next.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary.

G. R. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, October 30, 1889. 2070

Not Responsible for Debts.

Whether the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be responsible for any Debt co-tracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in Chongking 11 hours:

AMPHITRITE, German ship, Captain B. Bouw.—Order.

E. GRAHAM, British barque, Captain C. Hodges—Admirson, Boll & Co.

NELLIE M. SLADE, American barquentine, Capt. Julius C. Tolokka—Captain.

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SATSUMA, British barque, Captain A. G.

ALTHOUGH it is not a pleasant task, we are compelled to take up the cudgels again against the Director of the Observatory. A greater farce than that of the storm-warning we have, seldom seen. We but going further back for illustrations than the typhoon that has now entered the South China Sea, there is nothing to condemn him and all his ways. Yesterday we received from the Spanish Consul a telegram stating that there was a typhoon S. E. of Manila, which would probably take a Westerly course. The same telegram was sent to Dr. Dobcock, and some hours afterward there was issued by the Chamber of Commerce an "express" stating that there was a "typhoon South of Bolinao." The Chamber's information was obtained from the Harbour Master, who in his turn received it from the learned Director at Kowloon. It is evident that Dr. Dobcock received the news without any modification of the Spanish telegram. Of the existence of this typhoon he, naturally, until the news came (from Manila), had no idea. But in order to give a semblance of originality to his communiqué he must needs alter somewhat the Spanish message. Instead of saying that the typhoon is S. E. of Manila, he says it is South of Bolinao... Now, as Manila is a good way to the North of Manila, Dr. Dobcock's vague message might be read to mean that the typhoon was raging at Manila itself or even a little North of Manila. That this alteration was a purely capricious one was made evident by a later communication from Kowloon, according to which the typhoon was raging in Southern Luzon, that is S. E. of Manila. Dr. Dobcock took on to this second message the words "and will probably soon enter and move W. N. Westward across the Chinese Seas." Of course if the typhoon was S. E. of Manila, moving Westward, it goes without saying that it would move out into the China Sea. What his grounds were for altering the direction two points to the North we do not know. We suspect that it was merely another capricious variation, to make believe that he knew something about the matter himself. This opinion is strengthened by the way in which he dealt with the telegram received to-day fr. Manila, which was as follows:

"The typhoon indicated passed into the China Sea to the South of Luzon." This he "touches up" in the following manner:—"The centre of the typhoon is situated in the China Sea to the Westward of Southern Luzon, and appears to be moving W. N.W." The only nomenclature here is the mention of the W. N. W. movement instead of the Westward direction indicated fr. Luzon. It should not be astonishing if W. S. W. were nearer the mark; at any rate it is no good a guess. And it is for this—the paraphrasing of Manila telegrams, sometimes very badly done, that we maintain the costly Observatory at Kowloon. If Dr. Dobcock wants a specimen of something like the reports that are expected from him he will find it in the following extract from the report of the Siemone Observatory, as given in the *N. & D. News*:—"The barometer has been falling since yesterday afternoon; it appears that a low barometric pressure existing in the N. W. will pass over Southern China to-morrow. Then the wind will shift round by the S. to the W. and N.W. Fresh breezes from N.W. with rain are probable." A S.E. breeze along the coast will be followed by N.W. wind. A gale is probable in the north.—On Monday the report was:—"The barometer was rising yesterday at the southern station, while it was very quickly falling at Szeawai. It remained low from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; but then rose very quickly (half an inch from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m.). The gale will reach Nagasaki this afternoon. Cold and dry weather is probable at Shanghai and fresh breezes from N. all along the coast. At 11.0 a.m. a gale was raging over the north of the Japan Sea."

From native sources we learn that circulars have been secretly distributed amongst the soldiers and officers of the army in Japan inciting them to disorder.—*Japan Gazette*.

The *Scope Marquis*, reports great activity in the Yokohama Silk Market. It is stated that on Monday, raw silk to the value of \$1,000,000 was sold. At such a rate the stock of silk in the market, >10,000 bales, will soon be cleared out.

Messrs J. McCarthy, D. J. Collins, and N. Bonchar, all of the Survey Department, had an audience with, and took leave of the King of Siam on Sunday, the 13th instant, previous to their departure northward to join the Anglo-Siamese Boundary Commission. His Majesty expressed a hope that the boundaries would be fixed amicably and to the advantage of the kingdom.

Never, we believe, have there been so many "trotters" to Japan in one year as during 1889. Formerly the number of applications from British subjects to the British Legation for passports for the interior never exceeded 1,000; but this year, it is said, the number has already reached between 1,100 and 1,200.—*Japan Gazette*.

SEVERAL of the leading native merchants of Nagasaki, it is stated, have decided to establish, with the co-operation of a number of foreigners, a company to run a flour mill at Kosonoura, Nagasaki. The capital is to be \$500,000 in 5,000 shares of \$100 each.

THE TYPHOON.

We have received the following telegram from the Spanish Consul:—

"The typhoon indicated passed into the China Sea to the South of Luzon."

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Hongkong Jockey Club was held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall; this afternoon.—Hon. P. Ryrie presided, and there were also present: Hon. J. J. Kewick, Hon. C. P. Chater, Messrs W. H. Forbes, G. E. Noble, E. L. Woodin, R. M. Gray, G. Coxon, E. H. Gurne Booth, H. A. Herbert, W. H. Ray, L. Maude, H. L. Lightwood, R. Fraser Smith, J. M. Forbes, W. H. Wallace, J. J. Bell, Irving, G. Lammer, W. Legge, J. Macleod, C. W. Dickson, F. H. Sawyer, H. Sampson, F. H. Shepley, R. Carr, S. L. Danby, R. K. Leigh, D. McCallum, H. W. Dick, J. Ezzell, M. S. Silas, &c.

The annual report was taken as read. It is as follows:—

"In submitting the accounts for the past year the Stewards would remark on the extraordinary expenditure on the Course itself, necessitated by the flood last May. The Course had to be freed of thousands of tons of sand, &c., and had to be reconstructed so as to drain towards the inside as the ditch outside gets constantly full of sand." For this purpose payments to the extent of about \$4,000 have already been made, and some further amount will have to be expended on the Grand Stand and enclosure to get it in trim. The Course is now in good order for the coming Meeting. It has not been deemed advisable to build a new grand stand on account of the expense as well as the limited time

at disposal. As Clerk of the Course, the Stewards have to regret the loss of the valuable services of Major Tripp which were most fully appreciated."

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I wish to propose the adoption of the report and accounts. I regret to say our accounts are not quite so flourishing as they have been in previous years, but we will bear in mind the very serious expense we have been put to on account of the course; but I am happy to say that I think we will now have a course such as we have never had before (Hear, hear). We shall have a really good one. We can't increase its size by very much, but it will be in a condition I think now, thanks to the valuable services of my friend on my right (Mr. Gore Booth), the only thing I can say is that the Jockey Club must not be quite so liberal in its donations for prizes. Money we must have; we shall have to abandon the idea of building a new stand; one time we thought it very feasible, but now we don't see our way to do it. The very additional expense we have been put to on account of the course is what they are asking for."

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Mr. Mendel suggested for the consideration of the Committee that the Champion's race should be confined simply and solely to winners in order to keep out beaten jockeys.

Mr. Danby supported the suggestion.

Mr. Leggo expressed disapproval of the proposed change.

The Chairman thought it would be desirable to take the feeling of the meeting on that point.

A show of hands was then taken, when the meeting agreed almost unanimously in favour of Mr. Mendel's suggestion.

The vote decided the meeting.

The following gentlemen were re-elected as the committee:

Hon. P. Ryrie, Hon. J. J. Kewick, Hon. C. P. Chater, Messrs G. E. Coxon, W. H. Forbes, J. Grant, R. M. Gray, M. Grotz, G. E. Noble, E. L. Woodin.

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FATAL FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

TWO PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH, ONE MISSING AND SEVERAL SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Shortly after midnight last night fire broke out in the Fu-hung-eating-houses, No. 154 Queen's Central West, which resulted in considerable destruction of property, and loss of life. An accountant, who was asleep on a counter in the ground floor of the house, awoke and found the bakery at the back on fire, and it seemed that he was unable to extinguish it. He ran out to the street taking his books with him, merely intending to go to the other parts of the building. The fire was still burning when he reached the door, and he ran into a cockloft, the charred remains of a man were found this morning. It is supposed that he must have been severely burned and had fallen down where he was found. Another inmate is reported missing, and whether or not the deceased is this man, is not known, the body being unrecognisable. The house in which the fire originated (which is insured with Messrs Pastan and Co. for \$5000) has been completely destroyed, while No. 152 and two houses behind, facing Wellington Street, have been partially damaged.

Mr. Fraser Smith, in sounding the motion, said he would not have troubled the meeting with any remarks had the Chairman not committed himself to two statements to which he was perfectly certain the general body of the members would not accede. In the first place the Chairman recommended the reduction of the prizes for the races. He thought it was a proposition that would not be upheld either by the Stewards or the members of the Club. The second statement was as follows:

"That the sum of the race meeting for the month of May last was not of sufficient magnitude to warrant the expenditure of the American Excise Officer for the consideration of the Excellency the Governor." It is about the usual style of thing, and I suppose we get away with it, but it is probably not quite so good as it is.

Mr. Danby supported the motion, and he considered the business of the Government must contribute something to it. Of course they may reply as they usually do in these cases that the flood in May last was the act of God. That is very true, but it is a matter which concerns the public of the China Sea to the South of Luzon." This he "touches up" in the following manner:—"The centre of the typhoon is situated in the China Sea to the Westward of Southern Luzon, and appears to be moving W. N.W."

The origin of the fire is not yet definitely known, but there seems to be no doubt it broke out first in the bakery on the ground floor. The inmates, or most of them at all events, were asleep at the time, and appear to have had no warning until escape was almost completely cut off by the rapidly spreading flames. The accountant mentioned first noticed the fire rushing out almost instantly after he awoke, shouting to the inmates upstairs as he left the house that the place was on fire. Another man who was along with the accountant on the ground floor bolted out without doing anything to warn the others. The opening of the street door, as these two persons went out, must have created a draught which would greatly accelerate the spread of the flames and would account for the extraordinary rapidity with which the fire ascended to the roof. The bakery was under the long, narrow wooden staircase, which in this case, as in most Chinese buildings, runs from the ground floor to the top of the house. Seizing this highly inflammable structure, the flames mounted to the roof in a few minutes and made a blazing batter which had to be passed by each occupant of the rooms as had not previously escaped or who had no other means of retreat. This accounts for the fact that the majority of the unfortunate inmates were found after they had succeeded in getting clear of the burning building. The man whose body was found was a blackened and unrecognisable mass in the adjoining house this morning. He was blackened, the热血 had been taken proper steps to prevent sand and stones from being washed down into the race-course, and it was equally his duty, especially having the former experience before him, to have taken measures to prevent anything of the same kind from occurring again. The injuries of at least three of the others are so serious that they are hardly expected to live, and Mr. Wedlehouse, preparing to hold the usual formal inquiry, heard what little they had to say about the catastrophe this morning. They are at present lying in a boarding house near the scene of the fire, their native prejudices being too strong to allow them to consent to be examined by the Magistrate.

His Lordship said there was a statement made by the Stewards to the effect that the premises had been violently entered.

Mr. Donnay said he drew a very broad distinction between the party and the statement that might have been in the petition that they searched the premises and found no opium, and he submitted, arguing by analogy from a case of malicious prosecution that this ought to have been stated. But he put it broadly on the points which he had stated, that the plaintiff nowhere stated in his petition that he was the party against whom these proceedings were commenced; he moreover stated that these proceedings terminated in his favour, and he nowhere stated that he had been damaged by these proceedings, and he thought that these grounds he was entitled to ask his Lordship to dismiss the petition.

His Lordship said he of course could not deal with it at this stage, this being simply ex parte.

Mr. Danby gave a banquet to the delegates at the Hotel Normandy to night. It was a most brilliant gathering.

A number of committees were appointed, and the Congress adjourned until Monday, November 16th.

Blaine then called the numbers to the White House, where the President gave a special reception to the delegates at 1:30, one of the features of which was an informal lunch served in the state dining-room at 2 o'clock. The reception took place in the Blue Parlor. The members were presented by Blaine, first to President Harrison, then Mrs Harrison and the members of the Cabinet. After the social interchanges the party repaired to the dining-room and partook of the lunch. In the center-piece of the table was a large floral representation of the Western Hemisphere. South American diamonds and South American cigarettes were served. Everything was done to show honour to the different countries represented. A few of the delegates were in full court costume, but the majority were plain civilian dress. The reception lasted two hours, and was altogether informal.

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